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If you are interested in 'sponsoring' an issue, it is a nominal cost of £10. You can book now for the months of April, May, June, August and September in 2024. Should there be a special occasion that you wish to celebrate before then you may be able to share a month with someone else.

New Year's Day Walk

The main change this year is that the walk will be leaving from the Village Hall at 10.30am and not the Church Rooms. Why not come out and enjoy some fresh air with friends and maybe make new friends? The walk will be approximately two to three miles walking on fields and roads, dogs on leads will be welcome.

After the walk you are invited back to the Village Hall for homemade soup and rolls, etc. There will obviously be plenty of parking available. Normally you are asked for a voluntary donation for the soup and rolls and again this year any monies raised will be donated to St Martins Housing Trust. See you there.

It's panto time again

As the nights draw in and the cold begins to bite, nothing warms the cockles more than enjoying the most fun and lively of British traditions - the seasonal pantomime. Old Buckenham Players are sure not to disappoint on this front, as they proudly present their 2024 panto offering *Pantostein* - a scarily silly phantomime, by TLC creative. Having produced sell-out pantomimes involving Camelot, Dick Whittington and Robin Hood in recent years, audiences are in for another rip-roaringly funny and high-quality show but with more than the odd spookily side-splitting twist.

The Players are now fully

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immersed in the wonderful world of rehearsals. They can't wait to show you the results of their hard work and dedication, as they welcome you to the Bavarian mountain village of Cemetaria. This show is a laugh-a-minute, 100mph treat for the senses thanks to a superb script, an experienced cast, some technical wizardry, well-known songs and of course, an array of larger than life characters. Set in Cemetaria's coaching inn, the Amputee Arms, Dame Bloodngutz and her daughter Ophelia work tirelessly to keep all the residents (just how many, you'll find out...) fed and watered. But this is a strange and spooky land, where the freakish and strange are very much the norm. To this end, they're sick and tired of having their lovely village blown up by budding mad scientists, so decide to hold a competition to find a single soul to take on the mantel of Cemetaria's mad scientist, to try and contain the mayhem. This prompts the arrival of Dr Frank N Stein {dum dum DUM!} and his trusty sidekick Igor who are keen to enter the competition with their marvellous monstrous creation. Surely it'll all go to plan, right..?



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very large, very green, and very, very angry...! With countless slapstick scenes, messy moments and more than the one 'twist', will Cemeteria ever return to its once peaceful, if a bit odd, self..?

Pantomime is as much about the audience as it is the actors on stage, even more so with this current production. And so, we want you turning out in your scariest-best fancy dress! Whether you hire a vampire or stitch yourself a witch, it matters not - just come along and be part of the show and immerse yourself in the freakishly-fascinating world of Pantostein!

Through hard work, dedication and years of experience, we're confident you won't find a better night out for a tenner anywhere. You never know, you might just enjoy yourself so much that you'll fancy giving it a go yourself! So make sure you get your tickets today and get ready to Boo, Hiss, Clap and Cheer louder than you ever have done before.

Performances are to be held at Buckenham Village Hall and start at 7.30pm on Thursday 18, Friday 19 and Saturday 20 January, with the ever-popular Matinee performance on the Saturday starting at 2.30pm. There'll be a raffle, choc ices and a very reasonably priced bar serving a

range of soft and alcoholic drinks. Tickets are on sale now and cost just £10 for adults or £5 for the under 14s and can be purchased online via the following link:

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Festive fun

Thank you to all who attended or helped at the Festive Refreshments and Stalls on Saturday 9

December at the Village Hall. It was good to see villagers browsing and catching up with friends over a cup of tea and donated cakes.

The stall holders included Fawns,

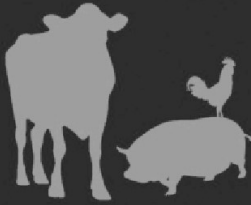
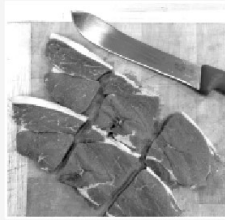
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wreaths, sewing and crafts, jams, chutneys and jigsaws, Ron's pictures, Bric-a-brac, tombola, raffle and hamper, smellies and cards. Some of the regulars from the bingo sessions helped on stalls too as well as a marathon effort from the refreshments servers. More than £400 was made for the continual upkeep of All Saints Church. Thank you and here's to the next one.

Thoughtful Women's Institute

A report on recent WI activity.

We had an interesting talk with Brenda O'Dowd JP and Steve Websdale JP about the work of a magistrate this Thursday. After the talk they set us a scenario of sentencing a person who pleaded guilty. We were split into groups and as with the WI there were lots of discussion over the information supplied. It was quite hard to decide what outcome to give but it turned out we were quite hard with the decision. What a responsibility they have. Afterwards we had some lovely cake and drinks. Our competition for a handmade Christmas decoration was popular and so was our Flower of the Month Competition.'

Letters and emails

A message from Lucie at our new bookshop: We would like to extend a huge thank you to residents and supporters of Old Buckenham for supporting the Old School Bookshop during our first month of opening. We have lots of exciting plans in the New Year including launching our first author events, offering takeaway refreshments, a customer loyalty scheme and of course renovating the second part of the hall. Do follow along at oldschoolbookshop.co.uk for updates. Happy New Year.

From Tim Bornett: Dear residents, So far three people including myself have shown interest in resurrecting an Old Buckenham and District discussion group on world affairs, national affairs and local issues. Meeting approximately once a fortnight, any morning from 10am to noon. Please let me know if interested, not heavy going but also enjoyable social interaction. Please contact me on 01953 860388 or email timbornett@btinternet.com.

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THURSDAY	9.15am East Harling Old School	6.30pm Attleborough High School
SATURDAY	9.00am Old Buck Village Hall	



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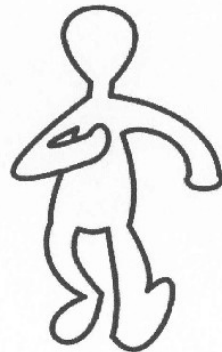
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Sunday 21 January

9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 28 January

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Chat in January, February or
March.

New look Social Circle

Many years ago, when many people in the village made their own wine and beer, a group was set up to enjoy this pastime and even have wine-tasting competitions with local villages. Although many current members still bring along some wine to drink at the meetings, the main activity is providing a series of interesting talks in a pleasant environment.

The Old Buckenham Social Circle now meets in the Memorial Room at our village hall. Membership is £10 per six months (due January and July) and non-members welcome at £2 per evening. The talks in 2024 range from first aid for gardeners, a trip to New Zealand, the production of the village newsletter and developing the Millenium Library in Norwich. The first meeting of the year is at 7.30pm on Thursday 11 January for the AGM and a talk on chilled distribution. Why not come along and join in?

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All about Stan Burton

Some notes on our new parish

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farm until everything was put out to contract and then worked at Snetterton Race Track



until I retired two years ago. My interests include motor racing and fishing. I am also a member of Friends of Old Buckenham Windmill.

WI programme in 2024

The WI kindly sponsor the January issue of this village newsletter. They always meet on the fourth Thursday of the month. Their programme for the coming year is:

January - Members' evening.

February - Annual meeting.

March - Singing for Well Being.

April - Living History at Blickling Hall.

May - Resolutions and Social.

June - Bollywood Dance Workshop.

July - Yoga for Hands and Shoulders.

August - Murder Mystery Hour.

September - Members' meeting

October - Birthday Celebration.

November - Periods in Time in



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December - Christmas Meal.
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Village Hall news

The Management Committee met on Wednesday 6 December 2023. Those present were Eileen Oliver, Chairperson; Richard Crawley, Secretary; Jane Kelly, Booking Clerk; Pete Twissell, Parish Council representative; Terry Cook, Alison Frank, Rosemary Pratt, Chris Dalton and Tracey Hayden. Apologies for non-attendance had been received from Graham Dye and Jay Lucas. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed. Hirers will be reminded of the rules of hire covering bouncy castles which must not obstruct emergency exits. An urn has been provided for Fawns as requested. In the Memorial Hall kitchen two new kettles have been supplied in the hope that these may discourage use of urn as safety issues are involved. Car park lines are awaiting repainting when weather permits. The hall passed its inspection for evidence of RAAC.

Thanks were given to those who helped with the Christmas decorations throughout the hall. The Memorial Hall clock is now up and running again. Provision of office space for the Parish Council was discussed, possibly in the Office or Cloakroom which would help integrate the Village Hall with the village and its life. It was agreed that the Office needed clearing and tidying and that the use of the Cloakroom could become a small meeting space. The issue of a parent refusing to abide by the car park permit system run by the parents was mentioned. The Primary School Head has made it clear to this parent that her behaviour is unacceptable. The parent has been written to and offered the chance to speak if she has a point to make but no reply so far. A review of hall charges was due in January for application in April. Setting a higher rate for commercial hirers was expected of us and would be considered at the review. A good income from bookings in October and November was reported with some income from the performance of "Horseplay" thanks to the 75 people attending.

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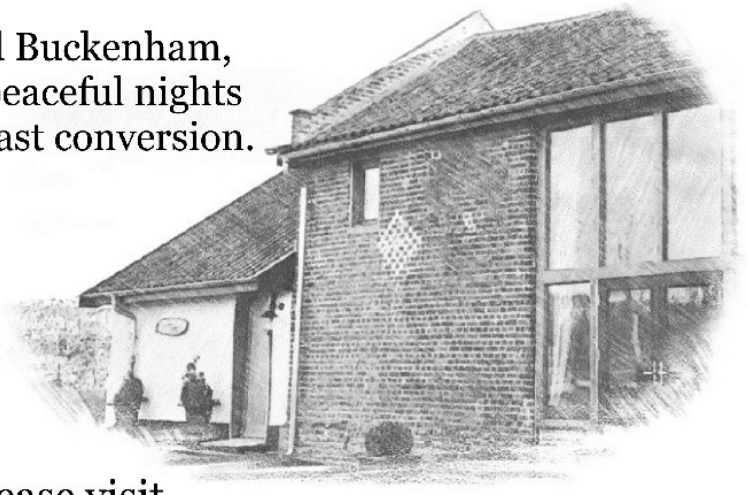
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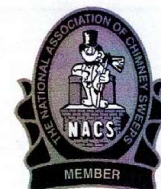
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Village Electricals has managed to source the correct batteries for the obsolete alarms and will return soon to fit them. One of the lighting tubes cannot be retrofitted and will need to be changed. The quotations for the stage curtains have been arriving at various prices and ideas. It was suggested these were discussed at the January meeting when perhaps all committee members are in attendance.

The gardener has fitted the gutter guards and continues to keep the grounds tidy. He will make monthly visits during the winter and resume regular grass cutting in the spring. Unfortunately a recent party left the

hall in quite a mess. Various areas had been covered in glitter and there were still some helium balloons on the ceiling. The floor has been V-mopped, washed, hoovered and mopped again several times but it still resembles a disco ball in places and will need some more work. The kitchen too was left with balloons on worktops, in sinks, bins left full and ribbons had been tied to table legs. The dishwasher was still on and was full of cups, etc.

The hall has been suffering some internal wall damage of late and general neglect by various hirers. Old Buckenham are the only hall within the local area that hires without asking for a deposit in cleared funds pre-event. Other halls, eg Kenninghall, Banham, New Buckenham, Eccles and East Harling, implement deposits. A summary report will be made for the next meeting.

Any final amendments to the draft Constitution document are needed before it goes back to the contact at CAN. It was pointed out that, as trustees, the committees duty is to run the Village Hall for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Old Buckenham rather than the interests of the organisation a

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trustee may represent. As members of a CIO, the trustee insurance would still be covered by the organisation. There was also a need to appoint a vice-chair formally which will be done at the AGM. The meeting unanimously agreed to accept the draft constitution as it stood

Future events included the Christmas Refreshments and Stalls later in December, the Cricket Club AGM which is booked for January and the Players' pantomime, "Pantostein", with four performances in January.

It was decided not to meet in January so the next committee meeting will now therefore be on Wednesday 7 February.

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Old Buckenham Parish Council

These notes have been written by the newsletter editor from the draft minutes and so may contain information that is amended at a later date.

Old Buckenham Parish Council met on Thursday 7 December at 7pm in Old Buckenham Village Hall. Those present were councillors Naomi Bailey (Chair), Pete Twissell, Stan Burton, Steve Gowers, Lesley Evison and David Taylor. Apologies for not being able to attend had been received from Doug Irons and Ali McWilliam. Also attending were Jonn Hicks (Clerk) and three members of the public.

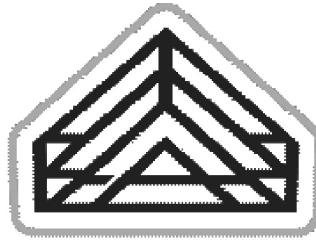
The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2 November were approved (5 in favour).

Financial matters. The Community Account balance was currently at £26,815.44.

Payments of £1188.99 were approved (4 in favour). These included £262.1 for the community car drivers, £495.33 for the salary of the Clerk and RFO, £62.20 for new bulbs for the Christmas tree on the Green, £125 for electrical services and £30.95 for batteries to go in the defibrillators.

Councillor reports. Naomi Bailey reported on problems at both schools regarding cars parking on footpaths. She has spoken to all parties involved and both agreed to send letters to parents asking for this to cease. Naomi Bailey had also received a letter from a resident regarding the overflowing water at the Ottomer Pond and she will write to resident. Steve Gowers will speak to John Frost to investigate where the overflow pipe is, if there is one.

Naomi Bailey then made a statement regarding the picnic benches on the Green outside the Ox and Plough. These have now been removed from the Green for the winter as the correct paperwork was not submitted for them to remain there for the winter. She also asked that if any resident has an issue with this, that they attend the Parish Council meeting (which is held the first Thursday of every



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month) and not voice their anger via social media. They can then voice their opinion so that any questions they may have can be answered.

Lesley Evison reported that Prince Harry's Wood has a large amount of rubbish to be cleared. Steve Gowers now has the correct number of volunteers to enable the Speedwatch group to restart. More are still required so that he can set up more than one group and enable the a larger presence in the village. Also there are an increasing number of HGVs flouting the weight limit on Hargham Road. The Clerk to write to local companies to make them aware we will be watching and reporting to the authorities.

Pete Twissell has completed the hedge planting on the recreation ground. He also confirmed the Village Hall Management Committee will allow the Parish Council to open an office within the Village Hall in January. The Clerk and the Parish Council would like to thank Norwich Lighting Centre for the donation of 50 clear LED bulbs for the Christmas tree.

Green Report. The Green has had its final cut for 2023 and also the areas around the trees have been

cut back. Thanks to Suggitts for their service again this year.

Planning applications. There were no new planning applications, no amended applications, no planning decisions by Breckland and no planning appeals to be considered.

Precept Grants. After discussion the following awards were made: Monday Mardle, applied for £125, granted £125.

Almshouses Trust, applied for £1000, granted £500.

Pre Loved, applied for £200, granted £200.

Fawns Playgroup, applied for £468, granted £200.

Old Buckenham Windmill, applied for £1000, granted £1000.

Open Produce Show, applied for £500, granted £250.

Primary School Families Association, applied for £500, granted £250.

Old Buckenham Village Hall, applied for £1000, granted £1000.

Public participation. Nothing from the public.

Items for next agenda. These included the Precept, situation with solar farm, Green issues update and footpath from Village Hall to Chapel Green School.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 4 January at

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Father Christmas at the Mill

On Saturday 2 December the windmill held a very special and magical event. Children arrived to a selection of art and craft activities which they had time to complete and take home. While creating some amazing pieces, they enjoyed a hot chocolate which was covered in cream and marshmallows and a shortbread Christmas tree. Parents had homemade mince pies.

Once the craft was completed and tummies were filled with treats, they were then invited to enter the windmill. The mill was decorated with twinkle lights and looked magical. When the door was open by the elves, the excited children and parents could see Father Christmas sitting next to the Christmas Tree, surrounded by sacks of presents.

Father Christmas spoke to the children before delivering a magical story about Arthur the Polar Bear and his visit to the enchanted windmill. Children and parents alike loved the story and thought it was so magical. The children all went home with their own Polar Bear, which many named Arthur.

The event was extremely successful and raised funds needed to continue restoration work. We hope Father Christmas will be able to visit us again and tell more wonderful stories next year.

The Friends of Old Buckenham Windmill would like to say a very big thank you to all those that helped put on this event.

Uncle Alf's leg

This piece has been written by Richard Crawley of Fen Street who was struck by a thought arising from Remembrance Day. He was intrigued to think about what an inanimate body part might get up to on its own. Given that, sadly, we have so many brave people coping with life having lost limbs, many as a result of overseas conflicts that the country sent them to, it got him thinking about the other side of the coin - what a prosthetic limb might want to do if it could. Clearly this is a far-fetched idea, but harnessed to a national event like Remembrance Sunday when we "celebrate" those who died or suffered on our behalf, he thought the story would convey some genuine pathos despite the unlikely setting. He hopes the

sentiments of loyalty, courage and sacrifice and of a certain kind of love, make themselves felt in the story.

Glass exploded from my bedroom window as did uncle Alf's leg, hitting the ground running, running for the open road. I dashed out of the front door after it but Alf had been a paralympic sprinter in his day and there was no contest. I scrambled into the car and took off after the disappearing limb. I was within yards of cutting it off when a bus pulled out of a side road. I slowed, the bus came to a stop and Alf's leg bounded aboard. Before I could leap from the car, the bus took off leaving me no option but to follow its route into town.

This gave me time to think. Uncle Alf's leg had had its moments before, rattling inside my wardrobe to be let out but often content with a sprint round the back garden. It wasn't Alf's athletic leg, that had been buried with him. This was the proto-limb, the first to be fitted after the IED blew his limb off at the knee in Helmand. He left it to me, his favourite niece, because I had enjoyed his army tales long after I'd sussed out the embroidery he'd woven into them. No, he hadn't lost it in a game of poker. Nor had

he sawn it off to eat when he was stranded alone in darkest Afghanistan for five weeks. But it was fun borrowing it as a make-do cricket stump or rounders bat, sometimes sticking it in the sand next to his good foot after I'd buried him on our seaside holidays.

Long after his death, Alf's prosthetic, dented in places from haymakers and roughened from salt and sand, insisted on attending the Remembrance Day at the local war memorial as he had done when alive. I would accompany him, proud to see those of his comrades who remained turn up to honour his presence with a friendly tap on his shin or a stamp on his foot. Foremost among these was of course Captain James who had rescued Alf after the detonation and brought him to safety and surgery at considerable risk under enemy fire. The Captain was decorated for this and at every other November 11th pinned the ribbon on the breast of Alf's tunic and Alf duly returned the gesture the following year. This continued even when the leg stood alone beside me, returning the ribbon or receiving it from the captain and attaching it somehow to uncle's

leg. But last year there was no Captain James.

That's when the misbehaviour in the wardrobe started up again. Even the garden couldn't contain Alf's leg; if not tethered to a tree with a circular range of freedom like a goat, he would bound over gate or hedge and run amok. Neighbours complained. The police came out but went back convinced the whole thing was stirred up by vindictive neighbours letting their imaginations run away with them which of course a false leg could not.

By now the bus had made three stops without Alf hopping off. I wondered what his fellow passengers thought of him taking up a seat or unselfishly occupying the luggage area. Like the police they probably looked the other way and refused to entertain the possibility of a leg taking a freebie bus ride.

Finally Alf alighted and turned down a side road. I followed, undecided whether to stop and catch hold of him, or find out whether he was going anywhere in particular or just doing a runner for fun.

No fun at all as it turned out; the route ended at the cemetery

gates. I parked and followed Alf at a discreet distance. He edged towards a gathering huddled round a graveside. I sneaked to a space at the back but Alf nudged his way through to the very front, beside the priest and the chief mourners. The proceedings had reached the stage where a tall man in black was casting soil into the grave on top of the coffin. All was silent save for the patter of earth on wood. The solemn tension was broken by a resounding thwack as Alf flung himself on top of the coffin.

A restrained gasp went up. I pushed forward to stand between the priest and the chief mourner and babbled my apologies.

"It's Alf Biggins, my uncle. I mean it's his leg, I'm so sorry. For some reason he . . . well he has been buried but he appears to want to"

The tall man in black stopped me.

"Alf Biggins? Sergeant Biggins?"

"Yes," I mumbled. "How did you?"

"That's my wife" he said, pointing to the grave.

"I'm sorry" I moaned, "I'll retrieve it if you'll allow me" I asked, looking from him to the priest for permission to invade the grave.

The priest was lost for words but the tall man reached for my hand and spoke.

"Perhaps I can explain. Sylvia, my wife, would be known to your uncle as Captain James."

I gripped his hand hard and wouldn't let go. Then the tears came.

"Let him stay there," he continued. "Sylvia would have wanted it. He owed his life to her. Let him pay his tribute."

I stood as the earth pattered down, some of it from my own trembling hands. When we had finished I took his hand again as we walked away from the grave. We had no need to speak. I knew his thought as he knew mine, just as Alf and Sylvia knew, that there are bonds in life that run silent and deep and long.

More Norfolk thoughts

Well ole boye, saye Red Van Man tew me, thar ole man orn the Green, thars ar nuver wun over, cor blas thar didn't hafe goe quick. Thar older yew git, thar quicker thar goe I replie.

Not ar good yar fore me, but we still be hare, I spose thars ar posartif at leste, I sar.

Ar ole worl be in ar bit orf ar state

art thar moement, thar be tew or free lital wars ar goen orn, each wun code esculat into ar big en. I bet thart ole Presardint Putin be rite chufed wots hapenen in Israel, he ent get in noe mediar coverage wot be ar goern orn with his despute in his par orf the world. Tha recorn he be ar goern tew stan in thar Rushun

Presardint elecshun next yar. Lese thar worl recognise him as ar ledar, tha may nort agre with his polarcies, but yew het admit he be ar rite strong leeder sa Red Van Man. A bloodie dick tater I sa, nuf of thart.

I sea we hav cut thar green, thart look rite good. Jus afor Christmas we had ar lort orf rain, it wus quite wet, ar lort orf surfarce water, I carnt remembar it been as wet afor thar pons be rit ful.

Tha code dew with ar bit orf a cleen ote, perhaps tha Gren Management Cormita wil dew it in thar new yar. Yew het tew armit the ole gren lork better since thar PC be ar loken arter it. I spose soe sa Red Van Man, but thar still be ar lort tew dew in an aron the ole vilarg.

I wunda wot this yer wil bring, as we jus sa ar ole word is in ar bit orf ar mes, lets hope thar carn be

sum peceful solushuns tew there milatarie disputes.

Tha tel me ar Paris Council hev artractard sum new members, wen yew loke around ther be ar lort orf werk thart needs ar dewen, frum ar clenen tha War Memorial, tew filen in sum orf tha pot holes in tha rode/walk ways. The problem sa Red Van Man, no wun knows who shode be ar doen it wever it be tha PC or tha hoses, pubs or shops thart ar next tew em.

Its rite gode tew see sum yungar pepal tarken arn interes in ar vilage, we orl het ta suport them wear we carn. Wot ever tha dew, thar wil orles be sum wun whoe disargres.

I spose we wil soon be ar finken we're we be ar goen for ar sumar holidas, shut yew up ole man, we hent gort over Christmas yet but I spose yar rite, tha papars ar rite ful orf adverts ar trien tew artrac us tew orl parts orf tha werld, ar lort of tha places I hent herd orf. In mie earlie days we wus luckie if we hed ar few days in Yarmouth or Lowestoft. I use tew luv ar watchen tha Heren Driftas ar unloden tha fish in Lowestoft. The blokes who sailed them thar boots wer hard men, tha worked

on tha open decs in teribal wever. Thar wode onlie be home for free or four days arfor they was orf argin.

Wel lets hope thar wever holds, we dunt want tew much orf them tha frost arn snow, thar rain hev bin bad enuf.

Well cherio for this munf, it ont be ar tew long arfor tha Eastar Eggs be in tha shops.

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Diary dates for January

Here are details of some of the events going on in the village this month.

Monday 1	New year's Day walk, from Village Hall at 10.30am
Thursday 4	Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Monday 6	Monday Mardle, Methodist Church, 2pm for 2.15pm
Thursday ` 11	Social Circle, Village Hall, 7.15pm for 7.30pm
Friday 12	Mobile Library throughout village from 10am
Saturday 20	Copy date for February newsletter
Monday 22	Monday Mardle, Methodist Church, 2pm for 2.15pm
Thursday 24	Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Sunday 28	Talk at at Bookshop, 2pm to 3.30pm

Regular happenings in the village are the Old School bookshop open Fridays and Saturdays between 10am and 4pm, the Breckland Food Bus in the Village Hall car park every Friday from 1.15pm to 2.15pm, Fawns (for parents and their pre-school children) in the Village Hall each Friday morning in term time from 9am to 10.30am and the Old Buckenham Singers in the Methodist Church every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 9pm.



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